tacts, periodical review both at unit and Corporate level etc.

Indians to Operate S.B. Accounts in Foreign Banks Abroad

2080. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an Indian national residing in India can hold and operate a savings account in a foreign bank in a foreign country;

(b) What are the formalities required to be completed and procedure to be followed to operate such an account;

(c) which are the laws that govern this; and

(d) what is the effect of liberalisation on simplification of these procedures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal to set up Akashwani Kendras

2081. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Akashwani Kendras having short wave transmitters in the country at present, State and UT-wise;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up more Kendras in the country, particularly in Uttar Pradesh;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State and UT-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) As in statement (*see.* below).

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. Short Wave Transmitters are being installed at three places, namely, Itanagar, Gangtok and Jeypore. There is, however, no scheme for setting up additional Short Wave Transmitters in Uttar Pradesh as the 50 KW SW Transmitter at Lucknow for regional service already provides Short Wave back-up to the entire state.

Statement

State/Territory	Number of Shortwave Transmitters		
	For Regional Service	For Home/ synchronised Vividh Bharati Service	For External Service
1	2	3	4
Andhra Pradesh	1	—	—
Assam	1	1	—
Bihar	1	—	—
Himachal Pradesh	1	—	—
Jammu & Kashmir	3	—	—
Kerala	1	—	—
Karnataka	—	—	6
Madhya Pradesh	1	—	—
Maharashtra	1	1	—
Manipur	1	—	—

1	2	3	4
Meghalaya	1	—	—
Mizoram	1	—	—
Nagaland	1	—	—
Rajasthan	1	—	—
Tamil Nadu	1	1	—
Uttar Pradesh	1	—	5
West Bengal	2	—	—
Andaman & Nicobar (UT)	1	—	—
Delhi	1	8	7
TOTAL:	21	11	18

At present All India Radio has a total of 50 Shortwave Transmitters.

SC/ST/OBC Vacancies lying vacant in Banks

2082. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of vacancies in Group 'D' post in the reserved categories of SC, ST and OBC have been lying vacant in Oriental Bank of Commerce, Canara Bank and Bank of Baroda in their Delhi/New Delhi offices since long;

(b) whether it is also a fact that candidates sponsored by the Employment Exchange have been awaiting in queue for their interviews/selection in Canara Bank, Con. Place, New Delhi since long; and

(c) if so, action contemplated in the matter by each Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (c) As reported by Oriental Bank of Commerce, Bank of Baroda & Canara Bank the vacancies in their subordinate cadres reserved for SC, ST and OBC categories in their Delhi/New Delhi offices are as under:—

	SC	ST	OBC
Oriental Bank of Commerce	1	1	2
Bank of Baroda	1	—	3
Canara Bank	2	6*	4

*(includes two posts of part time employees)

All the three banks have initiated action to fill the reserved vacancies.

(b) Canara Bank has reported that one candidate belonging to general category sponsored by the Employment Exchange has been engaged on leave vacancy at its Connaught Circus Office, New Delhi. The said candidate has already been empanelled for regular employment in the bank.

Disposal of Confiscated Goods

2083. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total value of confiscated goods by the Customs during 1992-93, 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(b) how the confiscated goods are disposed off by the custom and what is the revenue from such disposal during 1992-93, 1994-95 and 1995-96?